PRESS RELEASE

FELON SENTENCED TO 57 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR POSSESSING FIREARMS AND A SILENCER

PHOENIX, ARIZONA – The United States Attorneys Office for the District of Arizona, announced that on October 31, 2003, Douglas Donald Debruin, (D.O.B.) 7/27/50, of Kenosha, Wisconsin, was sentenced to 57 months in prison, by United States District Judge Earl H. Carroll, in Phoenix, Arizona.

The Defendant previously entered guilty pleas to one count of possession of firearms by a convicted felon in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1), and one count of possession of an unregistered silencer in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 5861(d). Judge Carroll sentenced Debruin to the maximum sentence available under the United States Sentencing Guidelines. Debruin's sentence is to run consecutively to sentences totaling six years of imprisonment imposed in Elkhorn, Wisconsin, upon his revocation of probation in August 2001 for similar offenses.

Debruin was arrested on April 10, 2001, in Flagstaff, Arizona, on an outstanding warrant for a probation violation. Police found Debruin in possession of three firearms and a silencer. The silencer was not registered to Debruin in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record. Debruin had been

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convicted of Robbery in Kenosha County, Wisconsin, in 1969, and had been convicted of Possession of a Short-Barreled Shotgun, Possession of an Electric Weapon, and Possession of a Silencer, in Walworth County, Wisconsin, in 1994.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, the Coconino County Sheriff's Office, and the Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives.

The prosecution was handled by Joseph E. Koehler, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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